

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/489,681

Applicant(s)

KOVACEVIC ET AL.

Examiner

Man Phan

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the communications filed 05/04/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 8-9, 11-25, 27-36 and 39 (Claims are renumbered as 1-33 respectively).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 16 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Reasons for allowance

1. This communication is in response to applicant's 05/04/2005 amendment in the application of Kovacevic et al. for a "Method for displaying data" filed 01/24/2000. This application is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 filed on October 05, 2004. The proposed amendment to the claims and response have been entered and made of record. Claims 6, 7, 10, 26, 37 have been canceled per applicant's request, and Claims 1, 12, 21, 27, 34, 35 have been amended. The claims have been amended to better point out and more distinctly claim subject matter comprising the invention.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 8: line 1, replace "claim 7" with --claim 1--

4. Claims 1-5, 8-9, 11-25, 27-36 and 39 are allowable as evident by applicant's amendment (Claims are renumbered as 1-33 respectively)

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest the step of detecting a third splice indicator using transport packet demultiplexer hardware, requesting acquisition of a current program management table in response to the third splice indicator; requesting acquisition of a current program management when, in response to detecting the third splice indicator, it is determined that a third splice state has been countered, wherein the third splice state is based upon a third splice countdown value parsed by the transport packet demultiplexer hardware, and includes the first splice countdown value being a negative value; wherein detecting the second/first splice indicator includes generating a second/first splice interrupt based upon the second/first splice indicator; and determining the new packet identifier occurs in response to the second/first splice interrupt, as specifically recited in the claims. The instant invention, in combination with the other claimed features, improves upon the Prior Art by providing a method and system for the splicing of two different MPEG-2 data streams.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Man U. Phan whose telephone number is 571-272-3149. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 2:30 pm.

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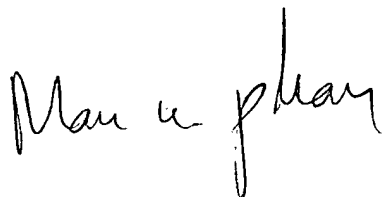
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu, can be reached on 571-272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2600.

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